

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his courteous review and tentative approval of the proposed drawing corrections, which were sent to the Examiner on August 6, 2003, via facsimile.

Applicants have amended claim 7 to correct the use of the article pointed out by the Examiner and other minor English matters without changing claim scope, and have added new claim 13 to round out the coverage. Claim 13 finds support, for example, FIGS. 3A and 3B, of the specification.

The proposed drawing corrections attached with the amendment filed February 14, 2003 have been disapproved because geometrical features, including the shape of the main body, of newly introduced FIG. 3B do not correspond with those of FIG. 2 and thus were alleged to introduce new matter. The Examiner also required that claimed fin and component feeding unit be included in FIG. 3B. Revised FIG. 2 has been objected to because it does not show details of the claimed structure including the fin.

Applicants have corrected FIGS. 2 and 3B so as to overcome the issues raised by the Examiner. FIG. 3B as amended shows the main body of approximately the same shape as the main body of FIG. 2, and includes the fin and the component feeding unit. FIG. 2 as amended includes the fin and other detailed structures. Since the amendments to the drawings are not simple additions to or deletions from the original drawing, but rather of a nature of substantial redrawing, customary indication of the changes in red is not employed in this amendment. Applicants respectfully request approval of the drawing changes.

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite because the expression "the heat" in claim 7 lacks antecedent basis. This rejection is overcome because the article "the" has been removed in the amendment to claim 7.

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,072,144 (Saito) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,050,326 (Evans). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The apparatus of claim 7 includes the heat dissipation portion formed on the unit base for dissipating heat in the moving member. The Examiner admits that Saito fails to teach the claimed heat dissipation portion. To try to overcome this deficiency of Saito, the Examiner contends that Evans's teaching of the fin 3 may be combined with the teachings of Saito to produce the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree. The claimed heat dissipation portion is formed on the unit base that slides along the platen of the electronic component feeding apparatus. Although Evans describes a fin for dissipating heat generated in an electronic module 20, Evans does not teach or suggest that Evans's fin may be incorporated into an electronic component feeding apparatus, much less that Evans's fin is formed on the unit base of the apparatus. Applicants request that the Examiner provide evidence to support his contention that there is a motivation for persons of ordinary skill in the art to form Evans's fin on the unit base of Saito's device by citing a specific portion of Saito, Evans or any other reference. Without such evidence, the rejection over Saito and Evans fails.

In light of the above, a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

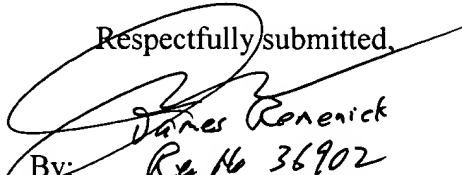
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